

Robbins Lane PTA: Agenda November 5, 2025

INCOMING OFFICERS and OFFICERS REMAINING IN SAME OR DIFFERENT POSITION:

Co-Presidents: Carla Mondelli and Dayna Palumbo

Vice Presidents: Melissa Henricks, Janine Odell, Len Pusposuharto, Lori Bothos

Treasurer: Jasmeet Baweja

Recording Secretary: Nelli Rahman

Corresponding Secretary: Nina Grieco

Council Delegates: Joanna Avram, Danielle Krongel, Allyson Shepard Zubli, Jennifer Kombogiannis, Mariam Khwaja, Sabrina Chen, Christina Nawabi Nadi, Svetlana Iosilevich

Meeting called to order at ____10:01am____

Introduction:

Carla:

Welcome everyone to our third PTA meeting of the year! Can you believe how fast this year is flying by? We want to start by thanking everyone for your participation in all of our events and fundraisers so far.

Dayna:

It's been such a great start to the year. We hope everyone who attended the Fall Festival had a wonderful time! It was such a fun night, and we're so grateful for everyone's support and enthusiasm. I would like to thank Melissa and her amazing team of chairs, who went above and beyond with the games and decorations. The attention to detail did not go unnoticed.

Janine, thank you for always keeping our school store stocked with such great items. We love how you customize the store with a new theme each month and bring in new items that the kids absolutely love! I would also like to thank you for your dedication with organizing birthday bags and being so accommodating with last minute orders.

Carla:

Len, thank you for organizing an incredible pie sale that has completely exceeded our expectations. We're definitely looking forward to being extra stuffed this year!

Thank you Lori for doing such a great job with organizing the Book Fair! And adding all those thoughtful little details. Lori asked teachers to come in a little early tomorrow to highlight their favorite top picks making it easier for students shop for books!

Dayna:

Now for some exciting news! We've added a new event to the calendar, so make sure to save the date November 13th after school 3:30-4:30

After collaborating with Mr. Meyers, we'll be hosting our first-ever Turkey Trot! We can't wait for this fun new tradition to begin. The Janine will be sharing more information soon!

Carla:

Minutes - the minutes from the October meeting were posted online. Are there any corrections? If not, the minutes stand approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of November 3rd, 2025

Ending checking balance: \$ 51,649.35

Ending saving balance: \$1

Total Cash on hand: \$ 51,650.35

For the month ending October 31st 2025:

Total revenue: \$ 19,437.10

Total expenses: \$8,349.64

Net profit: \$11,087.46

As of November 3rd, 2025

Outstanding Checks: \$2758

All balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Janine Odell , Thank you!

CORRESPONDENCE: I just wanted to take a moment to thank you all for the wonderful time my family had at the Fall Festival. You work so hard every year to make this event such a special experience for the children, and it truly shows.

Every time we attend, you take such good care of my kids, and they always look forward to coming back. This year was no exception! My youngest even turned to me and said, "Mom, how are you so popular?"—it gave us a good laugh on our way home.

Thank you again for always going above and beyond for the students and for making our families feel so welcomed and cared for. Your dedication means so much to our school community.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Mrs. Lasker

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Meyers

Good morning, everyone!

It's November, and we just wrapped up Halloween with the K–2 celebration. Thank you all for volunteering and putting in so much effort — the parade was a huge success! We had an

incredible turnout, and the kids (and teachers!) absolutely loved it. Everyone's hard work made it such a special day for our students.

Our next celebration will be Veterans Day. We'll welcome local veterans from the VFW, and our students will perform under the direction of Dr. DaSilva. Ms. Segredo will lead an honoring ceremony as well. It's always such a meaningful and inspiring event — a real highlight of the year here at RL.

As the weather starts to change, please make sure students are dressed appropriately for recess. It's getting colder, and we want everyone to stay comfortable outside.

This Friday is Spirit Day, organized by our Pride Committee. We'll also take time to honor three of our amazing faculty and staff members who are retiring — Mrs. Julie Naftal, Ms. Rembelo, and Ms. Alfred — who together represent 90 years of dedicated service. Dr. Rogers shared the news of her retirement in his weekly message, and she will be deeply missed.

We do have a replacement lined up — Mr. Levine, who will be joining us after a short leave at Village School.

Thank you, everyone, for all that you do for our students and community!

Legislation Vote:

President: "This month we need to vote on resolutions, which were sent in the email blast. To save time we will be taking a block vote, which means we will read each resolution/bylaw amendment and discuss or answer questions that people may have. Once all resolutions are read/discussed, we will take a vote on all the retentions first, then all the updates, rescissions, combined updates and rescissions, and finally the new resolutions. Please take a few minutes to review and we will vote on the resolutions later this evening. Remember you can only vote if you are a paid member.

I would like to ask for a motion to use block voting for the proposed resolutions and amendments:

1 - maker of the motion

2 - seconds the motion

Any objections?

There being no objections, the motion to vote on proposed resolutions and amendments by block vote passes by acclamation."

Continue with your meeting. When it is time for the resolutions to be voted on, the legislation chair should address the members and say something along these lines:

COMMITTEES:

1st VP - Melissa Henricks

Fall Festival:

Our Fall Festival spooky carnival turned out to be an amazing event for our kids. We had such a

great turn out for both sessions and so many of our students and their families came to have some Halloween fun. I want to extend a huge thank you to the chairs Jenny Kombogiannis and Joanna Avram for their tireless efforts and hard work towards making this year the most successful fall festival ever. Jenny you put so much work into the return of the bake sale which proved to be a great addition to the event - thank you to everyone who participated and baked some spooky sweet treats and the many Robbins Lane families who donated candy to make the night extra special for the kids.

Thank you as well to our room reps for showing up and helping to keep everything running smoothly as well as our teacher and staff partners at Robbins Lane who helped make this event possible. A major thank you to Jim the head custodian and Ms. Sims for taking time out to help plan and decorate, and of course Mr. G for climbing on those ladders minutes before the first session, to help make our vision come to life.

We want to also recognize the efforts of our student volunteers - this year's event brought dozens of students, some alumni of Robbins Lane, back to where it all started. They painted faces, ran our games and kept the kids engaged all night. Thanks to everyone who helped get the word out and helped motivate some of these young folks to come out and support our community.

Joanna thank you for putting the basket raffle idea together, with of course the diligent help of Ameer Patel who pounded the pavement and got so many generous donations from businesses that deserve our support. We thank Pretzel Factory, Hilltop, Sport Time, Mario's Pizza, Jersey Mike's, Chocolate Works, Borellis Restaurant, La Famiglia, NY Dance Theater, SY Scalp Spa and Brianna Gloria Salon for donating some incredible gifts, services and prizes to our raffle.

I am grateful to the fall festival committee for their efforts throughout the planning process. I hope that next year, we are lucky enough to have so many of you decide to volunteer again for fall festival

SEPTA:

There will be a November 19th virtual meeting presented by SEPTA entitled, Protecting Your Child Legally and Financially. Please consider joining SEPTA if you haven't already. Membership is ongoing.

There is also a virtual talk in partnership with Northwell to help discuss navigating mental health for our children on November 25th.

Please check your emails for links to both.

That's it for me for a while. Stay tuned for BINGO coming in January and details on Parents Night Out in early spring.

2nd VP - Janine Odell

Birthday Bins

We are accepting Birthday Bins orders for the month of December so if your child has a December birthday go on membershub or fill out a form so your child can celebrate their birthday in school.

School Store

The kids love coming and shopping every month and love seeing our themed section change every month. Thank you Lisa for your hard work every month. The next one is December 1st, your kids can purchase a Holiday gram and send some holiday cheer to their teacher. Each teacher gram will include a note to the teacher and a Hershey Kiss.

Arts and Ed

In October the Journeys into Native American Territories program was brought in for the 4th grade. It was a full day of hands-on demonstrations of the way Native Americans lived, from games, to hunting, storytelling, clay pot making and so much more. The next program coming in will be in December for the 3rd grade, the Weatherman.

Scholarship Fund

Speak: Sabrina

- Don't forget Playa Bowl first Wednesday of every month, 20% of purchase.

3RD VP - Len Pusposuharto

1.) We are currently in our Fall Pie Sale which goes on until November 14. We are doing an amazing job, thank you to everyone who have purchased pies to support the fundraising effort. So far we have sold 118 pies: Total sales \$2,840 and we have fundraised \$834 as of Nov 2, 2025. Of the total, 19 are donated pies. We are selling 9 inch fresh pies from Cestra's Bakery. There are 6 flavors to choose from: Apple Crumb, Blueberry, Cannoli, Cherry, Pecan and Pumpkin. The pies are \$25 each or 3 for \$70. We are offering a \$5 local delivery fee for a 5 mile radius within Robbins Lane Elementary School. Orders are due Nov 14 and Pick up and Delivery will be on Wednesday Nov 26th before the Thanksgiving break. We offer donation of pies where you can donate a pie to The People's Pantry of Oyster Bay which opened its doors in August of 2020. It is located at 123 Audrey Avenue Oyster Bay, NY. The Peoples Pantry is a pantry full of fresh produce, meats, canned items, fresh breads and delicious desserts provided to those in need.

Anyone who wishes to purchase pies in person, I will be taking orders after the meeting. Thank you.

2.) Syosset Council of PTAs School and Community Committee is hosting a Restock the Pantry drive to benefit the food pantry at St. Edward the Confessor Church at 205 Jackson Ave Syosset, NY 11791. It runs from Nov 3-24, 2025. They are in desperate need of donations so any donation is much appreciated. They are looking for food items (ie canned goods, pancake mix, rice, granola bars, juice, cookies, chips, etc), personal grooming (ie deodorant, toothbrush,

bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, etc), cleaning supplies (ie laundry detergent, dish soap, and other cleaning supplies), as well as paper products (ie paper towel and toilet paper). There will be a box in the lobby of Robbins Lane School for students to drop off donations. There will also be an Amazon wish list for people who want to send items directly to St. Edward. Please see attach flyer for the QR code.

3.) SmugMug is the photo sharing website the RL PTA uses to share photos with Robbins Lane parents taken at PTA sponsored events. We have recent photos uploaded from the Fall Fest and the Halloween parade. These photos will only be available to those with password access granted by the RL PTA. If you do not have access to SmugMug please see me and I can assist. Some photos are also posted on RL FB page as well as RL PTA Instagram page as well. Make sure you follow these social media sites if you have not done so already.

4TH VP - Lori Bothos

Good morning, everyone!

I'd like to take a few minutes to share a quick update on some of the committees and events I'm overseeing this year.

5th Grade Committee- Since our last meeting, our 5th graders sold **Boo Bags** as a fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who supported this event! We're focusing this year on creating meaningful memories for our fifth graders while fundraising.

The Boo Bags were a fun way for students to bond by going house to house and secretly leaving these treats on doorsteps—it was wonderful to see how much joy such a simple gesture brought them!

We're trying to avoid overwhelming families with constant sales and instead encourage **group activities** such as the car wash, sporting events, paint nights, and group dinners. If you have a fifth grader, please join us—and if an event opens to the whole school, we'd love to have you too!

Our next big 5th Grade event is the **NY Islanders vs. Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey Game on December 2**, made possible by **Jen Falk** and **Michelle Braustein**. Families will even have the chance to get **on the ice for a group photo!**

Coming up next, the 5th Grade Committee will be raffling off **front row seats to the HBT Winter Concert**, and our **Candy Bouquet presale** for the concert will begin soon—keep an eye on the weekly emails!

A huge thank-you to our amazing 5th Grade Committee Chairs—**Nina Grieco, Jasmeet Baweja, and Karrie Wang**—for all their hard work behind the scenes (and for putting up with my many text messages!).

Book Fair- Our **Book Fair** is coming up on **November 6th!** You should have received the Scholastic flyers by now. Please take a moment to set up your **E-Wallets** for easy shopping.

If you're not sure what an E-Wallet is, let me know so we can explain—it's a simple, cash-free way for students to shop. Students will visit the Book Fair with their classes to browse and purchase books, so if you don't set up an E-Wallet, please send them with shopping money.

The **new *Dog Man* book** will also be available for **presale at \$15.99** and will be delivered to school after its release.

That afternoon, the fair will be **open during Parent-Teacher Conferences until 4:15 PM**, and we'll be packing up around 4:30 PM—so please stop by to grab a few books or early holiday gifts!

Catalog Sale- Thank you to everyone who supported our **Catalog Sale!** The sale has ended, and **pick-up will be on November 13th from 3:30–4:30 PM on the Blacktop.**

If you're unable to pick up during that time, please reach out to me so we can arrange an alternative.

Recreation Nights

Our first **Recreation Night for Kindergarten** on **October 17th** was a huge success—thank you to **Amee, Christina, and Lemar** for chairing the event! I think we all gained a new appreciation for our teachers who manage 25 energetic students for more than just 90 minutes!

Next up: our **1st Grade Recreation Night** on **November 21st from 6–7:30 PM**. The signup link will be in the weekly email. Thank you to **Nelli and Josie** for chairing!

Rec Nights are such a special part of the Robbins Lane experience—the friendships and community bonds formed at these out-of-school gatherings truly last a lifetime for both students and parents.

Reflections Program- **Danielle Krongel** will be speaking about this program. The **Reflections submission deadline** was **October 27th**, and we received approximately **13 entries from Robbins Lane students (K–5)**. Thank you to all the students who worked so hard on their submissions!

Communications Conference- The **Syosset Council of PTAs' Communications Conference Committee** meets with district administrators throughout the year to discuss important topics. Each school's Council Delegates submit questions for the administration.

Thank you to everyone who contributed questions this year—the list has been compiled, and we will present them to the administration on **November 21st**.

Thank you all for being here today and for your continued support.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

LEGISLATION VOTE:

Leg Chair: “I hope everyone had time to look over the resolutions. As a reminder, only paid members can vote. The vote this evening will be taken to the NYS PTA convention which will be on November 14-16. I would like to make a motion to forego the reading of the resolutions. You should have received the resolutions in the email blast.”

President asks for a second. After getting a second to the motion,

Pres: “Any objections?”

There being no objections, the motion to forgo the reading of the resolutions and amendments passes by acclamation.”

Leg Chair: “Let’s start with retentions. A retention is something that NYS PTA would like to keep as is. There is still a need for advocacy on a current issue, the resolution is relevant and should remain the same.”

President: “If there are no questions, then are there any objections to supporting the retentions?”

As there are no objections, the vote on retentions passes by acclamation.”

President: “There being no objections, the vote on retentions 1-3 and 5 passes by acclamation.”

Leg Chair: “Moving on to updates. An update is something that is still relevant but needs to be updated in a small way, for example words are changed or deleted from the resolution.”

President: “At this time, I would like to ask if anyone objects to the updates? As there are no objections, the vote passes by acclamation.”

Leg Chair: “Moving on to rescissions. A rescission is a resolution that is obsolete, for reasons described in the resolution’s statement.”

President: “At this time, I would like to ask if anyone objects to the rescissions? As there are no objections, the vote has passed by acclamation.”

Leg Chair: “Moving on to a combined update and rescission. This is a resolution that is being updated by combining two resolutions on the same topic for clarity.”

President: “At this time, I would like to ask if anyone objects to the new combined update and rescission? As there are no objections, the vote passes by acclamation.”

Leg Chair: “Moving on to new resolutions. These are resolutions that will be brought to the floor of the convention for the first time to be voted on by the delegates in attendance for possible adoption.”

President: “At this time, I would like to ask if anyone objects to the new resolutions? As there are no objections, the vote passes by acclamation.”

Leg Chair: Next, we will move onto Bylaws Amendments.

President: “At this time we would like to take a vote on the proposed bylaws amendment for NYS PTA. Are there any objections to the proposed amendment? As there are no objections, the vote has passed by acclamation. Thank you all for voting. The resolutions have been accepted and now we will ask for a vote of confidence for our voting delegates to bring our vote to Council and to NYS PTA. May I get a motion?”

President asks for a second. After getting a second to the motion,

Pres: “Any objections?”

There being no objections, the motion for a vote of confidence for our voting delegates to vote on our behalf passes by acclamation.”

Budget Increase:

I would like to make a motion to add a line to the budget of \$500 to add a First Annual Turkey Trot Event.

Do I have a second to the motion?

All in favor of adding a line of \$500 for the First Annual Turkey trot to the budget, raise your hand. Any Against? Abstain?

The motion to add \$500 to the budget for the First Turkey trot has been approved.

IMPORTANT DATES: November

11/6 - Book Fair

11/11 - No School (Veterans Day)

11/13 - Turkey Trot at 330 pm

11/14 - Pie Sale Deadline

11/21 - 1st grade Rec night

11/26 - Pie Sale pick up / delivery

Meeting Adjourned at _10:45am_____.